

U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP



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Elizabeth R. Scheffler is the Director of the Office of Public Records and Repositories for the United States Copyright Office (USCO). She was appointed to the position in 2014.

In her position, Scheffler heads the Office of Public Records and Repositories, which establishes records policies and oversees significant databases of copyright ownership and related information. Her duties include ensuring the storage and security of copyright deposits, recording licenses and transfers of copyright ownership, researching and providing certified and uncertified reproductions of copyright deposits, and maintaining the official records of the USCO.

Prior to her current position, Scheffler was Chief of Operations for the USCO from 2008 to 2011. She has held senior positions at the Library of Congress, the National Ocean Service of NOAA, and the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

ABOUT THE USCO

Congress created the Copyright Office in 1897 as a separate department of the Library of Congress. The Register of Copyrights serves by appointment of, and under the general direction of, the Librarian of Congress. Congress enacted the first federal Copyright Act in 1790 in accordance with Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution, “to promote the progress of science and the useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective discoveries.”